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1. On the occasion of the anniversary of the "October Revolution", a troop review was held on Victory Square in Riga, which was commanded by Lt. General Gerasimenko; the salute was taken by General Bagramian on horseback. The latter then mounted the central tribune and said (inter alia) "In the name of the government of the Latvian S.S.R. and of the Central Committee, I greet you on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the "October Revolution". The Soviet Union is the most powerful country in the world", etc.

2. In this review the troops marched in the following order: General Staff and Administration officers; officers of the Stalin School; cadets; military technical school; Northern Aviation unit fighters (the Red flags of this section were carried by Capt. Bulgatov and Capt. Nekrasov); Latvian Guards Rifle men; automatic arms units; snipers; machine-gunners; the Mahimov corps - children of various nationalities; a variety of sections of artillery; tanks of type No. 34 and tanks of the Josef Stalin type.

3. The Riga city committee of the Communist Party approved, on 16 November 1946, of the celebration of the "Artillery Day". They were informed by Maj. Gen. Menisenko that the Propaganda Division would furnish 150 lecturers in which would be included 100 veteran officers.

4. In the Kirov District of Riga, Major Zhamensky lectured to members of the Party on "Aspects of Soviet Artillery".

5. The Guards captain, Orendarenko, is at present instructing the artillery unit of Major Krasnienkov, and his lectures include lessons learned during the defense of Stalingrad.

6. Anatoly Savitsky, commander of a Latvian Guards Unit (who may have served in the Far East), has been awarded three orders and a decoration.

7. Representatives of the garrison units of the Soviet Army made appearances during a command performance in the opera house in Riga. Captain Kulach, speaking in Russian, greeted the audience in the name of the garrison.

8. During a formal meeting at the officers' club in Riga in connection with the celebration of "Artillery Day", Major General Kliebnikov made a speech.

9. An article entitled, "Artillery - the War God", attributed to Maj.-General Rumiantsev, was read out in Russian over the Madona broadcasting system. 50X1-HUM

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